

had a similar effect. Interruption in evacuation is feared in many quarters as indicating a change of front on the part of the British Cabinet.

The military authorities in Dublin are not believed to be responsible for the move. It was learned to-day that the Provisional Government to have been consulted on the evacuation of evacuation activities, and Michael Collins takes the view that it is a fresh example of "meddling by the War Office, acting in the old spirit."

Acceptance of the candidacy for a United seat in the Imperial Parliament by Field Marshal Sir Henry Hughes Wilson, who has just vacated his post as Chief of Staff of the British Army, has had the effect of reviving old suspicions here. It developed to-day that Michael Collins, head of the Provisional Government, is engaged in a controversy with John Devoy of New York, and has during the day cable messages regarding an article by Devoy in the Gaelic American of Jan. 21 on the League of Nations.

Collins in his cable dispatch to Devoy said England's admission that Ireland was entitled to membership in the League of Nations was an acknowledgment of Ireland's independent status, and was so considered by the Irish delegation, but whether Ireland would seek such membership had not been considered and would not be until the Parliament of the Irish Free State was in being.

Collins explained he did not suggest the United States would enter the present League, but that it might enter a league of whose good faith it was satisfied.

LONDON, Feb. 11 (Associated Press).—Announcement that the British Government regarded it necessary to suspend the evacuation of British troops from Southern Ireland was made by Winston Churchill, the Colonial Secretary, in the House of Commons to-day. The sole reason for the suspension, Mr. Churchill said, was the disturbed situation in the Northern border and not because of anything that had happened in Southern Ireland.

The Colonial Secretary said that Michael Collins, who would cross to England to-night to confer with the Cabinet members, had informed the Government he would take steps before leaving Dublin to secure the release of the kidnapped Unionists as soon as possible.

The outcome no one here ventures to forecast more definitely than by speculating on the dreaded possibility, the disturbed situation at the position on the frontier is not far removed from a state of war. Indeed, the prospect of civil war is being seriously discussed in Belfast and elsewhere in the North.

The British Government is seriously concerned over the latest developments, and the situation in the House of Commons. Many Conservatives who hitherto have supported the Government's Irish policy in the interests of peace are said to be losing faith in the prospect of a settlement, and may withhold support of the Government's Irish policy when it comes to the second reading on Thursday.

## DRY AGENTS SURPRISE BOOTLEGGERS IN RAID ON BIG LIQUOR STOCK

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the hole for luck. They hit nothing but more barrels of whiskey.

When Mr. Parsons arrived he found that of 240 barrels of the whiskey, which he said was worth \$2,000 a barrel or \$720,000, 77 barrels had been moved from their proper places on the floor of the bonded warehouse.

A careful survey convinced Mr. Parsons that the barrels which had been handling the barrels intended to take them from the free warehouse at daylight and a little before the place opened for the day's business, as innocent turpentine or oil. Many of the barrels arranged at the ground floor entrance had been smeared over with gray paint, taken from a broken barrel in the free warehouse.

The lock on the inside of the warehouse door had been removed in such a way that the Holmes Protective alarm signals would not be disturbed. All was ready for the arrival of a convoy of trucks to bear away the whiskey toward the bootlegger and the ultimate consumer.

An open skylight indicated the disturbed barrel movers had escaped by the roof.

A small army of enforcement agents, revenue agents and city policemen and detectives were investigating the two warehouses for the rest of the day. They reported from time to time, like Mr. Dudley's friend, Jefferson Shrewsbury Nutt, that "there was great excitement but could learn nothing."

## SORE AT LOST TEETH, GIVES TIP ON STILL

Says Joe Knocked Them Out, So Steve Takes His Revenge.

Steve Borovick, star boarder in the home of Joseph Ambrowski, appeared in the Fifth Avenue Court, Brooklyn, to-day carrying three of his teeth in his pocket.

"Joe knocked 'em out," he said, "kicking I was too friendly with his wife, which is not true. Also, he's got a still."

Ambrowski was therefore arrested at his home, No. 113 1/2 Street, Brooklyn, and held in \$500 bail for examination Thursday on charges of assault and violation of the Mullan-Gage Law.

## BOY ADVENTURER COMES TO CRIMINAL COURT

STAMFORD, Conn., Feb. 14.—Alexander Jackman, fourteen, of 542 West 64th Street, New York City, started on an adventure yesterday and to-day was sitting in the Stamford Police Station waiting for his parents to take him home. Alexander arrived here yesterday and proceeded to Shippan Point. He broke open a bathroom and unrolled his blanket and set out his cooking outfit. Somebody told the police and he was gathered in.

## LOCKWOOD ASKS YEAR'S EXTENSION OF HOUSING PROBE

Senator's Resolution Calls for Appropriation of \$50,000 to Continue Work.

DEFICIT OF \$79,000.

Fund to Cover This Amount Also Asked—Rent Laws Saved Tenants Here \$280,000,000.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)

ALBANY, Feb. 14.—A concurrent resolution was introduced to-day in the Senate by Senator Charles C. Lockwood, extending the life of the Lockwood Housing Committee to March 1, 1923. A similar resolution will be introduced in the Assembly tomorrow by Assemblyman Thomas McWhinney, a member of the committee.

The resolution asks for an appropriation of \$50,000 to cover the deficit of the committee since its creation in 1919 and an additional appropriation of \$50,000 to continue its work for the coming year.

Declaring it has saved tenants in New York City \$280,000,000 that would have gone into the pockets of rent profiteers, the Lockwood Housing Committee reported to the Legislature last night its work from 1919 to date has been accomplished at the expenditure of about \$230,000.

This is the committee's answer to the statement of some of the Republican leaders that the committee must stop along with all other legislative investigations because of the large expense entailed.

The committee shows that "facts uncovered" by it have resulted in the indictments of 435 individuals and 261 corporations. On one-third of the indictments which have been tried, a total fines of \$520,550 has been collected through the courts.

The committee enumerates the following typical instances of material service to the community:

Estimate by State Architect Pilcher of savings in one State building contract, \$150,000; direct savings to city of New York on school contracts, \$12,000,000 and two additional school buildings; saving on New York City Court House limestone contract, \$500,000; saving to Buffalo on school contracts, \$100,000; saving to Albany on school contracts, \$100,000; saving to Albany on school contracts, \$100,000; saving to Albany on school contracts, \$100,000.

The State Architect informed the committee in 1920 that its exposures had saved the State on one construction job \$450,000.

Discussing its accomplishments, the committee states:

"The exposure by the committee of the combinations to increase and fix prices, with headquarters at Buffalo, which had caused almost a cessation in housing construction through the State, undoubtedly resulted in a tremendous saving for the people of the State outside of New York City, as did the exposure of the criminal combinations which throttled home construction in New York City and vicinity.

"They were directed by master minds and at all times advised by most astute counsel.

"Their control extended to thousands of men, firms and corporations and involved hundreds of millions of dollars. The committee, by the letter of the law, but the committee has exposed the falsity of their claims and demonstrated their gross violation of both the letter and spirit of the law.

"The work, to be done successfully, had, and has to be done under the direction of lawyers of great experience and ability and of wonderful industry. The people of the State have been most fortunate that the committee has as counsel the Hon. Samuel Untermyer. For going on two years he has given his time, day in, day out, exclusively and without any charge whatever, to the committee's affairs, and, in addition, to the prosecution of the criminal cases. Furthermore, he has spent many thousands of dollars of his own private funds on the work. We recognize his great sacrifice and efficient devotion to the public service."

For the four years the committee has been in operation 106 public hearings have been held, 642 witnesses examined and 15,195 pages of testimony taken. The largest item of expense was for stenographers, who have received \$32,365. Unpaid bills presented by stenographers total \$16,061.

The total sum paid to accountants is \$15,230. Accountants' bills remaining unpaid call for \$27,091. Most of this money was paid to the Niven & Co. They have had \$10,000 and ask for \$26,591 more. This firm claims to have spent \$13,091. It testified that at times it had more than fifty persons compiling data and statistics involving millions of figures and millions of dollars. The expenditure for clerk hire, for detailed typewriting, comptometer work, statisticians and others was about \$22,000.

The sum spent by members of the committee for traveling expenses is \$6,272. Other items listed are \$38,519 for salaries and expenses in preparation and investigating work, \$3,501 for Sergeant at Arms, \$22,355 for stenographic and reporting work, \$12,731 for process serving, \$22,014 for counsel fees, \$2,500 for architects' fees, \$2,253 for clerk and special stenographic hire, \$15,230 for accountants' fees, \$5,362 for stationery, printing and supplies, \$147 for traveling expenses of witnesses, \$100 for telephone and telegraph, \$48 for State trooper and \$17 miscellaneous.

Bills unpaid aggregate \$78,975. There is owing E. G. Sammis, counsel

## TESTIFIES PRIEST WHO IS SUING HIM OFFERED TO FIGHT

Ex-Jersey Congressman Tells of Altercation in Office of De Valera's Secretary.

Former Congressman Eugene F. Kinkead, formerly of Jersey City and now living at East Orange, told of an altercation and near fight with Father Francis J. Sexton in the office of Harry Boland, Secretary to Eamon De Valera, in Fifth Avenue, New York, last spring, when he took the stand to-day in defense of the action brought against him and three others in the Supreme Court in Jersey City by the priest, who sues for \$100,000 damages for alleged defamation of character and loss of standing in the Roman Catholic Church.

Father Sexton charges that Kinkead, and the other three, Thomas J. Stanton, Thomas J. Maloney, and Hugh Montgomery, said that he misappropriated funds amounting to \$5,000 from the American Association for the Recognition of Irish Independence. The priest was later suspended by Bishop O'Connor, of the Newark Diocese, from all functions except in emergency.

Kinkead, who was Vice President of the association, and one of the prominent leaders in the Irish movement in this country, said that during a discussion of the bond Father Sexton was asked to put up as Treasurer the priest told him he lied.

"I'll take off my Roman collar and go into the hall with you," the priest said, according to Kinkead's testimony to-day before Circuit Judge Speer, who is presiding in the case.

"You are a coward and you wouldn't go into the hall with me in a million years," Kinkead said he replied. He admitted, however, that he had arisen and advanced toward the priest. Miss Mary Smith, an Irish worker from Newark, who was at the meeting, told Kinkead that he ought not to talk that way to a priest, and others dissuaded him from attacking Father Sexton, he said.

The Rev. Father McLaughlin, pastor of St. Lucy's Roman Catholic Church, Jersey City, and the Rev. James McDonald of the same church also testified. The former said that Father Sexton had received \$100 before the meeting, that he had arisen and advanced toward the priest. Miss Mary Smith, an Irish worker from Newark, who was at the meeting, told Kinkead that he ought not to talk that way to a priest, and others dissuaded him from attacking Father Sexton, he said.

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In order to relieve congestion of the cases that have piled up in the Court of General Sessions, District Attorney Banton has arranged for two additional judges of the Criminal Branch of the Supreme Court to assist in their handling.

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lean booking agents, nevertheless her visit to the executive offices drew the photographers and newspaper men to the portals of Mr. Harding's room.

As Mrs. Asquith emerged with outstretched arms and an outburst of superlatives, the reporters gathered around to inquire what was talked about.

"Oh, everything," she said with a sigh of fatigue as she leaned against the corridor walls. And before another question could be popped at her she was fingering her fur neckpiece uncomfortably and remarking upon the heat of the room.

"You Americans seem to fairly to thrive in hot air," she said.

"Did you see the 'in'?" asked one of the group with pencil in hand.

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Bischoff and Harrington Are Charged With Embezzlement in Alleged \$6,000,000 Swindle.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Warrants charging embezzlement against Raymond J. Bischoff and Leslie Harrington, alleged to have swindled citizens of "Little Poland," out of \$6,000,000, were issued to-day.

Investigation of the dealings of the Western Land Operators' Company, the third concern raided by the authorities within three days and believed by them to have swindled foreign-born citizens of more than \$1,500,000, is under way by Government agents.

Within three days gigantic alleged swindles were disclosed with the arrest Saturday of Raymond J. Bischoff and the arrests yesterday of three employees of the Western Land Operators' Association and three employees of the American Novaculite Company.

Leslie Harrington, said by police to be the moving spirit in the affairs of the American Novaculite Company, and Charles Urnich and Charles Phillips, General Manager and President of the Western Land Operators' Company, are being sought by the police.

The raid on the offices of the Western Land Operators' Company was made last night upon the complaint of Sidney Banes, attorney, representing 300 creditors. The police believed they had established a connection between the workings of Bischoff and Harrington, and now think that the Western Land Operators' Company was connected with the other two and that the three were operating huge swindles jointly.

The raids and arrests followed the disclosure of Bischoff before Judge Landis yesterday and in a statement accompanying the measure it was announced that it represented an actual reduction of \$9,647,471 as compared with appropriations for the same purposes last year.

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Eronx Stands Up for Rights, but Police Are Taking No Chances.

Anyone with a package is likely to be held up and made to display its contents to the policeman who desires to see what is inside the bundle, satchel or dress suit case in the Bronx hereafter.

Now don't get excited and talk about the right of seizure and search, constitutional rights and the other rights that were flung into the Constitution by a lot of foresighted persons at a time when anybody could make his own. All this has to do with is burglars.

Inspector Henry of the Bronx recently issued an order that any policeman on whose post there was a burglary would be brought up on charges. The result was the men pounding the posts decided that as burglars had to carry away their plunder, they would search every one with a package of any kind unless they were sure of the man. In spite of the protests, they have been doing it.

To date the haul has netted 18 persons who were carrying not the proceeds of burglaries, but liquor of some kind. These persons who were found with contraband, while charged by the police, have all been released by the Grand Jury.

## ASKS \$102,857,611 TO RUN THE STATE

Appropriation Bill Carries Total \$4,500,000 Larger Than Last Year's Measure.

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## "ARRESTED," TAKEN TO HEADQUARTERS AND ROBBED THERE

Victim Then Sent to "Complaint Bureau" While Up-to-Date Holdup Men Flew.

BUENOS AYRES, Feb. 11. Finding the streets of Buenos Ayres too well policed for daylight holdups, a pair of robbers recently succeeded in using Police Headquarters for one of their operations.

Accosting a middle-aged man of prosperous appearance, they showed him "detective" badges and announced he must accompany them to Headquarters and there explain how he came by the gold watch and other valuables he carried. To avoid a scene the man accompanied them.

They took him to an unused room at Headquarters and relieved him of everything of value. Then, indicating the door of a room where his protests of innocence would be attended